

HOUSE BILL 376: School Calendar Flexibility.

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House

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 376 would allow local school administrative units to open no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19 each year.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115C-84.2 provides that, with certain exceptions, the opening date for students in a school calendar must be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26, and the closing date for students must be no later than the Friday closest to June 11.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 376 would allow local school administrative units to open no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19 each year. The bill would also remove the authority of the State Board of Education to waive the general opening date requirement for good cause.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

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